

cannibalistic phantasy as such, with its accompanying anxiety, is normal and general. It can be dealt with by the ordinary child in the occasional development of minor and momentary phobias, by playful bitings (as in Denis), or games of the kinds here described, or by the ordinary channels of permitted sadism, in biting bone rings, hard food, etc.; and in the explosive sounds of speech.¹ In all these latter directions, the child's oral phantasies are put to the test of reality, and his impulses find an outlet that is free from guilt and danger, and aids his further growth.

Another significant psychological process is adumbrated

in some of these instances. For example: (24.6.25) "

When Priscilla, Frank and Duncan were playing with the puppy, Priscilla said something about 'sucking that', obviously

referring to the dog's penis. Duncan said, 'Oh, you dirty thing/ Frank laughed. Priscilla said, 'and get milk'.

Duncan : ' You don't get milk from dogs ! ' Someone asked

where one did get milk. Duncan replied, ' From cows, and

goats.' " (P. 115) " C., about five years of age, was

stroking a large collie dog, when it sniffed at his trousers in the genital

region. ' Oh,' he said, ' it wants to suck.' " Here we see

what appears on the surface to be a simple confusion between

the penis and the nipple. That there often is such a con-

fusion in children's minds with regard to the cow's udder is

widely known ; but deeper study has shown that it is not

merely an accidental fault of observation, but is prepared for

in the child's mind by his own unconscious phantasies.

In the development of his own sexual wishes the impulses and

feelings and phantasies connected in the first instance with

the oral zone do not remain isolated. The later genital

phase does not start up entirely *de novo* and

unrelated to the
 earlier libidinal experiences, such as the child's
 relation to the
 breast. It takes over many of the impulses and
 feelings
 belonging to the oral zone. In the very beginning
 the mother
 was a, protruding nipple, and to love her was to
 take the nipple
 into one's mouth and receive the love gift of
 milk. In the
 later genital situations the boy wishes to give
 the penis to his
 mother, and of course later on to his mate, just
 as he himself
 received her nipple as a first experience of
 love. In the
 unconscious phantasies of child and adult alike
 the vagina-

¹ Anxiety with regard to oral sadism plays a great
 part in speech
 defects such as stammering.